

that the lower limit for the hydroxypropyl content of 2208 at Page 21, line 18 should be 4 and not 7.

The USP numbers in the ratio appearing at page 21, lines 25 and 26 were also reversed as note the preferred ratio at page 22, lines 16 to 27 and Examples 1 (page 40, lines 24 - 27), 2 (page 41, lines 18 to 20), 3 (pages 42, lines 10 to 13), and 4 (page 43, lines 10 to 13) showing that the ratio of 2208:2910 and not 2910:2208 is within the 25:1 to 50:1 range.

The other changes in the specification are to update the status of the parent application and an application referred to at page 23. Typographical errors at page 44 have also been corrected.

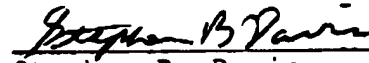
Claims 22 and 56 have been amended to correct errors in the USP numbers for the hydroxypropylmethylcellulose. These claims as amended are consistent with amended page 21 of the specification and with the definitions of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose in Claims 24 and 58. Applicants are also attaching the Product Specifications for Methocel K100 M Premium EP which is an example of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose 2208 having an apparent viscosity nominal value of 100,000 cP and Methocel E5 Premium LV EP which is an example of a hydroxypropylmethylcellulose 2910 having an apparent viscosity nominal value of 5.0 cP. These viscosities are consistent with amended Claims 22 and 56.

Applicants submit that the amendment to claims 22 and 56 and the amendments to the specification at page 21 are needed for a proper disclosure and protection of invention. Applicants also urge that consideration and approval of these amendments will require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

For these reasons, applicants submit that entry of these amendments are proper under the guidelines of MPEP 714.16. Applicants request that Examiner Spear contact the undersigned by telephone should he have any questions regarding these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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